













Shabbat 8 March 2025 / 8 Adar 5785 (Parshat Zachor)

Parashat Tetzaveh / פרשת תצַוה

Light From	Friday Mincha	שבת	שבת Chabura	שבת Shacharit	SZ Kriat Shema	Minis /Maxis	שבת Mincha	שבת Ends	Sunday Shacharit
 4.41PM	 5.35PM	 5.36PM	 9.00AM	 9.15AM	 9.18AM	 10.45AM	 5.40PM	 6.40PM	 8.20AM

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Chabura: Discussion Week | **Leining:** Samuel Brodie

Magen Minis and Magen Maxis meet from **10.45am**. Y@MA takes place at the usual time after Kedusha of Mussaf.

Shabbat Drasha: Rabbi Dr Rafi Zarum

Catch another Zachor reading after service before Kiddush

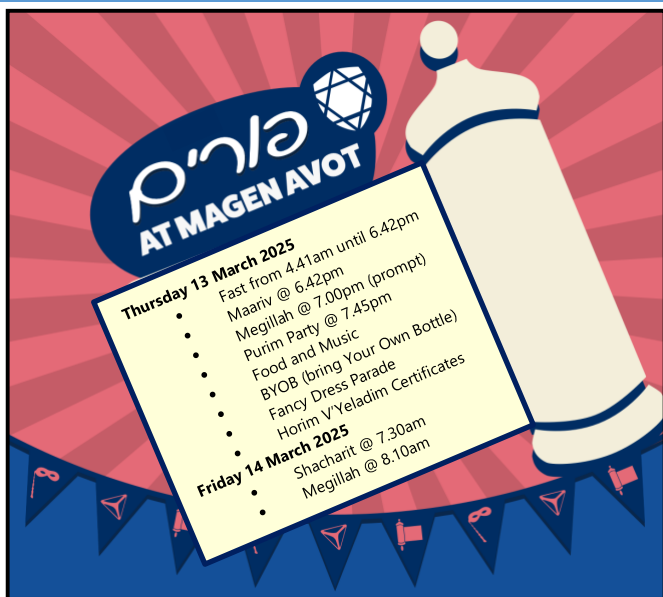
This week's Kiddush is kindly sponsored by Linda and John Wolffe to mark the Yahrzeit of John's mother Edna Wolffe and to celebrate John's 80th birthday. Mazal Tov!

Post-Mincha Shiur: Rabbi Yoni Golker

Monday 10 March

MA Pre-Purim Women's Shiur (details on back of the newsletter).

Thursday 13 March / Friday 14 March (Purim)



Sunday 16 March

Purim Initiative: See the poster on the back of the newsletter.

Our craft group begins a project to decorate the Shul with handmade flowers for Shavuot. Join us at **7.30pm** for a workshop to learn how to crochet a flower. After that, let your creativity run wild! All are welcome, including teens (even if yarn isn't your thing). We're looking for people to create flowers from any material—paper, wire, fabric, etc. Message **Fiona Taylor** on **07868 715 161** to join the group and get more details.

Monday 17 March

The next Book Club meets at **8.00pm** on Monday 17 March and will be hosted by Dr Richard Taylor. Location can be provided if you contact Julian Pollard on 07958 447 174.

28-29 March

Y@MA Shabbaton (at the Brighton & Hove Jewish Community) will depart on Friday 28 March at **1.00pm** and return on Motzei Shabbat 29 March at **~11.00pm**. Book today at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MABrighton25>.

Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to Samantha and Paul Taylor on the birth of a granddaughter, a daughter to Elianna and Moishy Wieder.

HaMagen

HaMagen is getting its finished touches and will be ready and printed by Pesach for distribution in Shul for free. Any final articles should be sent over ASAP!

10 Year Anniversary

As we gear up to celebrate our 10th anniversary, we are asking attendees to send in Mazal Tov messages and photos that will be projected onto our Fun Day Mazal Tov wall. Please submit content to Julian Maurer by email: julianmaurer@hotmail.com.

We are Hiring!

Magen Avot are looking for an additional Youth Director. If you are interested then please apply at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MAYouthDirector24>. If you know of someone who is interested please forward these details.

Website Shiurim Recordings

Missed an event recently? You may be able to find a recording on our website here: <https://magenavot.com/shiurim>.

Membership Dues

Membership dues have been emailed out from our admin Dani on Monday 3 February. If you did not receive an email from Dani (admin@magenavot.com) after checking your inbox and junk, then please email Dani directly to let her know.

Sunday 30 March

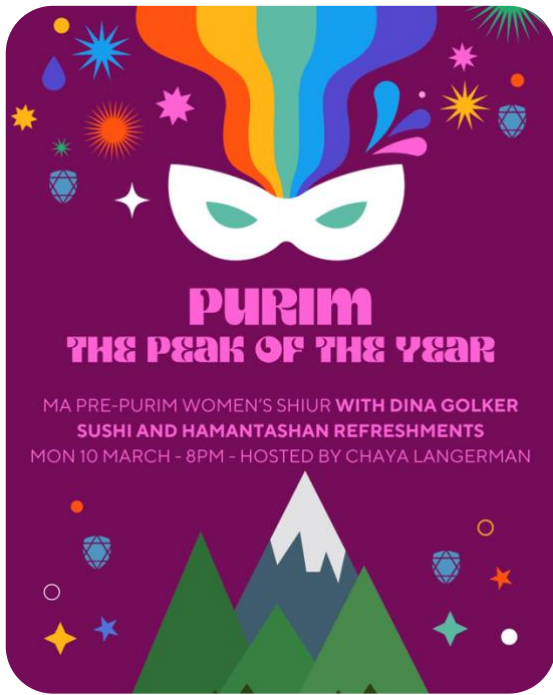
WOMENS CIRCLE

The next Women's Circle event will be focusing on imposter syndrome. Imposter syndrome is the persistent feeling of self-doubt despite clear evidence of competence. Sara Spizzichino will explore the science behind imposter syndrome and include insights based on personal experience. Her talk will be followed by an open discussion. Space is limited so book directly with **Eve Grubin-Brookes** via text or call on **07885 774 787**.

Yahrzeits

08/03/2025	8 Adar	Tal Diamant	Mother
08/03/2025	8 Adar	Nicola Schechtel	Father
08/03/2025	8 Adar	Paul Taylor	Mother
10/03/2025	10 Adar	Joy Berger	Mother
12/03/2025	12 Adar	Emilie Morris	Mother
14/03/2025	14 Adar	Cathy Fisher	Mother
14/03/2025	14 Adar	Menachem Goldsobel	Father

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: SUNDAY 11 MAY @ 6.00PM



PURIM GUIDANCE

Parashat Zachor: On the Shabbat before Purim, it is obligatory to hear a special Torah reading from the end of Parashat Ki Tetze. This will take place in Shul not earlier than 10.30am and will be repeated at the end of the Tefillah before Kiddush.

Machatzit Hashekel: This custom involves giving three half-shekel donations to commemorate the annual Temple tax, as described in Parashat Ki Sissa. Whilst this practice was historically linked to funding communal offerings in the Beit Hamikdash, it is now observed by giving a symbolic amount of money (3 x 50p's) to charity. Mincha on Taanit Esther or Purim night after Megillah is the preferred time for Machatzit Hashekel.

Matanot Levyonim: This mitzvah involves giving gifts or donations to at least two needy individuals during the day of Purim. The purpose is to ensure that everyone can participate in the joyous festivities of the day. While there is no specific amount mandated, it is customary to give enough to enable the recipients to enjoy a meal (£10 suggested minimum amount). The Rabbi will be happy to distribute these funds to appropriate recipients on Purim day.

Friday Purim: This year, Purim falls on a Friday, which creates a bit of a challenge—balancing the mitzvah of the Purim Seudah with making sure we still have an appetite for the Friday night Shabbat meal. To accommodate this, the Seudah should ideally be held in the morning, beginning before 12.10pm (Halachic noon). If you find yourself running late and have no other option, you should start no later than 3.07pm (the end of the ninth hour of the day).



PURIM INITIATIVE

We are very excited to again launch our Purim initiative for the young, middle and old -- and we need your help! As part of our Purim events this year, we are organising a distribution for the homeless on the Sunday after Purim.

Join us on **SUNDAY 16 MARCH** from **9AM** in Shul (after Shacharit) where we will be packing Magen Avot Synagogue labelled bags with supplies for those sleeping on the street. Anyone who would like to be part of a group of people to distribute the bags should be in touch with **Elkan** on **07985 269 499**. Anyone who can distribute bags but won't be available on Sunday morning to pick them up, please be in touch with Elkan.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:-

Please donate items from the list below and drop them off at **33 ROWSLEY AVENUE** before **FRIDAY 14 MARCH**.

- Soap
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Sanitary towels
- Hand gel antibacterial
- Wipes
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Socks
- Lip balm
- Plasters
- Hand warmers
- Crackers
- Granola bars
- Protein bars
- Biscuits
- Gloves
- Hats
- Bags for packing



Directions to participate in the distribution will be shared on **SUNDAY 16 MARCH**. Please join us in our effort to help those in need and to be Mekadesh Shaym Shomayim (make a real Kiddush Hashem!)



Shul Gemach



Magen Avot operates a Gemach fund for members who have fallen into financial hardship. Help is available in the form of emergency one-off payments or short-term loans.

If you are in need, are aware of, or are being approached by other members of the community in need of such a service, please feel free to contact Rabbi Golker: rabbi@magenavot.com or Baruch Zekaria at: treasurer@magenavot.com.